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S. 972

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to improve the administration
of the Lamprey River in the State of New Hampshire.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. GREGG introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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administration of the Lamprey River in the State of
New Hampshire.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. LAMPREY RIVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3(a) of the Wild and Sce-
5 nic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended by striking
6 paragraph (158) and inserting the following:

7 “(158) LAMPREY RIVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE.—

8 “(A) DESIGNATION.—

9 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The 23.5 mile seg-
10 ment extending from the Bunker Pond

1 Dam in Epping to the confluence with the
 2 Piscassic River in the vicinity of the Dur-
 3 ham-Newmarket town line (referred to in
 4 this paragraph as the ‘segment’) as a rec-
 5 reational river.

6 “(ii) ADMINISTRATION.—

7 “(I) COOPERATIVE AGREE-
 8 MENTS.—The segment shall be ad-
 9 ministered by the Secretary of the In-
 10 terior through cooperative agreements
 11 under section 10(e) between the Sec-
 12 retary and the State of New Hamp-
 13 shire (including the towns of Epping,
 14 Lee, Durham, and Newmarket, and
 15 other relevant political subdivisions of
 16 that State).

17 “(II) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

18 “(aa) IN GENERAL.—The
 19 segment shall be managed in ac-
 20 cordance with the Lamprey River
 21 Management Plan, dated Janu-
 22 ary 10, 1995, and such amend-
 23 ments to that plan as the Sec-
 24 retary of the Interior determines
 25 are consistent with this Act.

1 “(bb) REQUIREMENT FOR
2 PLAN.—The plan described in
3 item (aa) shall be considered to
4 satisfy the requirements for a
5 comprehensive management plan
6 under section 3(d).

7 “(B) MANAGEMENT.—

8 “(i) COMMITTEE.—The Secretary of
9 the Interior shall coordinate the manage-
10 ment responsibility under this Act with re-
11 spect to the segment designated by sub-
12 paragraph (A) with the Lamprey River Ad-
13 visory Committee established under New
14 Hampshire RSA 483.

15 “(ii) LAND MANAGEMENT.—

16 “(I) IN GENERAL.—The zoning
17 ordinances duly adopted by the towns
18 of Epping, Lee, Durham, and
19 Newmarket, New Hampshire, includ-
20 ing provisions for conservation of
21 shoreland, floodplains, and wetland
22 associated with the segment, shall—

23 “(aa) be considered to sat-
24 isfy the standards and require-
25 ments of section 6(c) and the

1 provisions of that section that
 2 prohibit Federal acquisition of
 3 lands by condemnation; and

4 “(bb) apply to the segment
 5 designated under subparagraph
 6 (A).

7 “(II) ACQUISITION OF LAND.—
 8 The authority of the Secretary to ac-
 9 quire land for the purposes of this
 10 paragraph shall be—

11 “(aa) limited to acquisition
 12 by donation or with the consent
 13 of the owner of the land; and

14 “(bb) subject to the addi-
 15 tional criteria set forth in the
 16 Lamprey River Management
 17 Plan.”.

18 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 405 of divi-
 19 sion I of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Manage-
 20 ment Act of 1996 (16 U.S.C. 1274 note; Public Law 104–
 21 333) is repealed.

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